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Construction Begins on CBCC's Southwest Playground Project

By: Felicia Coutts, Project Manager

After almost four years of the Near SE/SW Community Benefits Coordinating Council's (CBCC) planning, fundraising, and advocacy, construction fencing appeared around the 3rd and I Street SW Library Park on Monday, June 30th. Department of General Services-certified contractor HRGM began tree removal and pruning as part of phase one of a two-phase project.

The first phase will focus primarily on the center berm and will include:

- Tree pruning and removal;
- Earthwork and grading;
- Installation of 2-foot-high retainer walls along the center berm area;
- Installation of fencing along I Street SW and the corners of the center berm;
- Installation of Game Time playground equipment for ages two to five (butterfly, slide, mushrooms, spinning leaves);
- Installation of soft surfacing;

- Installation of a swing set one bucket, one ADA, and two belts); and
- Utilities work, including relocation of a light.

The completion of this phase should take approximately eight weeks. The park is expected to reopen in late August.

Phase two of the project will include storm water retention, remainder of retention walls, and repaving and scoring of the concrete. This second phase will require additional funding in the amount of \$270,000 that was not placed in the 2015 budget, despite the CBCC's request. We need each reader to please contact the offices of Councilmembers Tommy Wells (twells@dccouncil.us) and Mary Cheh (mcheh@dccouncil.us) to demand this final funding for the 3rd and I Street Park so we may complete the second phase and finish this project.

On behalf of the CBCC, we want to express our sincere appreciation to our private donors, our volunteers, and the entire community for your encouragement, patience, and continued advocacy.



"Spans Fans" Create Memories for Single Parent Families

By: Rachel Reilly Carroll, ANC 6D03 Commissioner

On July 1, the Washington Nationals welcomed twelve Southwest children and their parents to meet Denard Span, enjoy the baseball game, and purchase concessions and merchandise through free Nats-Bucks. The monthly program called "Spans Fans" aims to create memorable experiences for single parent families. During a private meet and

greet before the game, Denard - who was raised by his mother, whom he calls every day - draws on his personal experiences to relate to the kids, answering questions and offering guidance for their future.

Washington Nationals centerfielder Denard Span is known for his steady, consistent approach at the plate and his ability to run down any ball that's hit to the outfield. Off the field, Denard

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KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD:

The (Remodeled) Einstein Planetarium

As I ride my Capital Bike-share up 4th Street towards the National Mall, I start to remember my college years back at North Georgia College and the many nights I spent looking up at the stars. For three years I worked at our school's observatory, including two at the planetarium. Sure, I had had a fascination with space since I was a little kid, but more so I wanted get out of mandatory study hall (and military uniforms) and instead relax while looking up at the stars and wondering what more was out there. It's funny how quickly something that used to mean so much to you can be cast aside. Until this moment, I have not stepped foot in an observatory or planetarium since college.

When I'm in the Smithsonian's Air and Space Museum, I get that sense that I'm home again. It's a tingly feeling that lets you know you're right where you should be. I've been invited by Alison Mitchell, who handles media requests at the museum. Alison has been great in incorporating our newspaper as the museums here are a special part of what makes the



Dr. Neil deGrasse Tyson

neighborhood what it is.

Once I have my ticket, I proceed into the newly remodeled Albert Einstein Planetarium to watch *Dark Universe*, a 24-minute documentary narrated by the Carl Sagan of

See "Planetarium," page 6

St. Augustine's Begins New Role as "Church Without Walls"

By: Elaine F. Graves

St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, a fixture in Washington, DC's Southwest community since 1965, has announced a new phase of life in its neighborhood.

St. Augustine's Rector Martha Clark noted, "We are beginning a period as a 'church without walls' while we await the construction of our new church on its original site at 6th and M Street SW. We look forward to continuing our mission of service to the Southwest community for many years to come as the Episcopal presence on DC's Southwest waterfront."

Under a unique partnership with developer PN Hoffman (PNH), the church sold a portion of its site for PNH to construct high quality condominiums. St. Augustine's will build a new church on the northern portion of the site including a second story sanctuary featuring spectacular views of the Washington Monument. The new church's glass and steel sanctuary will be designed by MTF Architecture of Arlington, Va., a company that specializes in church architecture. The church and the residential building were carefully designed to represent compatible yet distinct interpretations of the best approaches in design.

The church is expected to be demolished this July, pending final approval from the DC government. Meanwhile, during its transition, St. Augustine's is holding its 9:30 a.m. Sunday worship service and Sunday school in the fellowship hall of Christ United Methodist Church at 900 4th Street SW.

The Service of Evening Prayer will be held Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. at another neighborhood church, Westminster Presbyterian Church at the corner of 4th and I Streets SW.

Kwasi Holman, chair of the church's Mission and Southwest Development committee, said, "Due to the sale of a portion of our site, we are now able to design and build our new church with plenty of space for Southwest nonprofit groups and service organizations to be there to help continue the church's decades-long tradition of serving southwest neighborhood families and children."

After demolition, construction will begin and the new church should be completed in mid-2016, according to Holman.

For further information on St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, check the website, www.staugustinesdc.org or find them on Facebook and Twitter @StAugustinesDC.



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Capitol Park Tower Designated as Historic Landmark

By: Cecille Chen

On July 10th, the DC Historic Preservation Review Board voted to designate Capitol Park Tower (301 G Street SW) as an historic landmark. The application was submitted by the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly (SWNA) on behalf of the tenants of Capitol Park Tower, and prepared by SWNA History Task Force volunteers Cecille Chen and Madeline Clites. As an historic landmark, Capitol Park Tower takes its place in the District of Columbia Inventory of Historic Sites, alongside Tiber Island, Harbour Square, Town Center East, Arena Stage, and other historic landmarks in Southwest.

The landmark hearing was a contentious one that took almost three hours to resolve. The odds were stacked against the nomination because the historic preservation staff report opposed designation based on grounds that the entire complex of Capitol Park was more significant than the sum of its parts, and therefore more significant than Capitol Park Tower. The owner of the property also opposed the nomination and was represented by an attorney, an architectural historian, and a landscape architect who mounted a vigorous argument against Capitol Park Tower's qualifications for historic significance. These arguments were countered by ANC6D commissioner David Garber, SWNA president Kael Anderson, and eight Southwest residents who testified in favor of the landmark nomination, including some Capitol Park Tower tenants who had lived in the building for decades. Moreover, the nomination was supported by nearly 50 Southwest residents and homeowners' associations who had signed a letter urging the board to approve the landmark nomination. Additionally, the nomination was endorsed by Councilmember Tommy Wells, architectural historian Richard Longstreth, Southwest DC architect Eric Jenkins, and prominent preservation organizations including the DC Preservation League, the Cultural Landscape Foundation, and DoCoMoMo DC. After much discussion, the board voted four to one to designate the property as an historic landmark, acknowledging the masterful work of architect Chloethiel Woodard Smith and landscape architect Daniel Urban Kiley. Notably, Smith and Kiley had also collaborated on the award-winning Harbour Square, which was designated an historic landmark in 2013.

Capitol Park Tower was completed in 1962. It was the second of five high-rise buildings to be



constructed in Capitol Park, a 30-acre complex that also features over 300 townhomes. Capitol Park Tower was designed in the modernist style promoted by Swiss architect Le Corbusier. The nine-story apartment building with a rectangular footprint is raised on massive piers, or pilotis, creating open space on the ground floor for parking, as well as a glassed-in lobby that allows one to see from the front of the building to the green park in the rear. Notably, the balconies feature sunscreens, or brise soleil, made of hexagonal bricks with hollow centers that provide the residents with shade. The northern edge of the property includes a parking garage that features a barrel-vault canopy that recalls the pool canopy at Potomac Place, which was demolished to make room for an infill building. The unique design of the canopy adds a sculptural element to an otherwise utilitarian structure. On the eastern edge of the property, a swimming pool and a dressing pavilion are complemented with a custom-designed clock tower, communication booth, and planter. These one-of-a-kind objects, featuring bold geometric shapes, impart a space-age feel to these everyday objects. The site also features a polychrome concrete mural and totem pole created by noted modernist artist Pietro Lazzari. Twelve miniature horses cast in concrete are scattered across the lawn and add a playful touch to the park-like setting.

Capitol Park Tower's lush landscape was

designed by Daniel Urban Kiley, who is widely considered to be the most influential modernist landscape architects of the 20th century. Kiley created over 250 landscapes in his lifetime, including the Lincoln Center in New York, the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, and the Gateway Arch in St. Louis. Capitol Park is significant as his only large scale residential project. At Capitol Park Tower, he created a landscape based on modernist design principles, emphasizing layering of plants and asymmetry in the placement of the lawn and hardscape patio. Although most of the ground plantings have not survived, an impressive allée of sycamore trees have matured well over the past 50 years, flanking a pathway that extends across the rear of the property.

The park is well-loved and utilized by residents, and the Historic Preservation Review Board made special mention of the significance of this green space and urged the owner to restore it to its former glory. As Southwest faces intense development pressure, this park is an increasingly rare amenity that residents cherish as a gathering place and a buffer against the I-395 highway that borders the northern edge of the property.

Capitol Park Tower is also historically significant as one of the first apartment buildings in the District to implement a policy of non-discriminatory housing, predating the Fair Housing Act of 1968. The commitment of this community to racial integration from its earliest days is evident in the diversity of its present residents.

One might say that this policy also contributed to the reputation of our neighborhood as as progressive and inclusive community.

The Board's endorsement of Capitol Park Tower's historic status affirms the significance of Southwest in the architectural, planning, and social history of DC and the nation. As the country's first urban renewal project, our community was considered a model for the rest of the nation, exemplifying high standards applied to the public sphere. Indeed, the planning, landscaping, and architecture of Capitol Park Tower speak to an idealism for modern urban living that is reflected throughout the Southwest Redevelopment Area.



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PN Hoffman to Develop 600 Water Street at Waterfront Park

PN Hoffman (PNH), a developer of urban mixed-use properties and communities across the Washington metropolitan area, recently announced its plans to redevelop the St Augustine's Church site in Southwest next to The Wharf project providing a new Church facing Maine Ave. and an adjoining condominium building of 108 units.

Across from Arena Stage, the newly created condo residences called 600 Water Street will adjoin an expansive new park overlooking the water. The 105,000 square foot residential building will consist of four floors plus generous penthouses with terraces. The residences will include 94 parking spaces below grade and will feature a variety of amenities,



such as a club room equipped with a bar and kitchen and a landscaped courtyard with fountains. Proximity to the waterfront and the series of restaurants and entertainment venues now under construction at The Wharf will provide neighborhood amenities.

"We are excited about working with the Church to reposition it for generations to come and creating new luxury residences for The Wharf neighborhood," said Monty Hoffman, founder and CEO of PNH. "These residences will join the well-established and desirable Southwest neighborhood embracing a new and serene 3.5-acre park setting adjacent to the water. This neighborhood will enjoy an easy stroll along the shoreline to the more activated community of the Wharf between 7th Street and the timeless Fish Market."

Construction on 600 Water Street is expected to take 20 months, with permits expected by late July. Sales are expected to begin in the second quarter of 2015.

Dawdlers and Tiaras

By: Deborah Jones Sherwood

The girls are decked out in their most flamboyant outfits. Sequins, garish makeup, false teeth, and false eyelashes are a common sight among the group. High heels, a questionable choice in footwear for their age group, abound. Boas and sparkly bold jewelry adorn their brightly colored costumes and feathered headdresses.

Is this “Toddlers and Tiaras,” the popular yet controversial kids’ beauty pageant reality show on The Learning Channel? No; it’s the ladies of The Red Hat Society!

The Red Hat Society, founded in 1998, is an international social organization made up of women over the age of fifty. The purpose of the society, known as a “dis-organization” is to have fun. The underlying concept is that women over the age of fifty have spent a good portion of their lives taking care of others and now it’s time for them to kick back, relax, and enjoy life. The theme is “Just Don’t Do It!”

The official sport is shopping, the official musical instrument is the kazoo, and the official slogan is “Eat dessert first.” The attire, or uniform, is purple garb worn with a red hat - the more flamboyant the better. These colorful combinations identify the group and denote a unifying concept among its members.

Each chapter is created by an individual woman called “The Queen Mother.” The Red Hat Society has no rules, allowing each Queen Mother to decide how she wants to run her chapter. The ladies participate in numerous activities including traveling, dining out, pajama parties, concerts, plays, art exhibits, movies, tea parties, marching in parades, an annual convention, wine tastings, and an occasional Hoot.

A Red Hat Hoot is the senior lady equivalent of a flash mob, except instead of synchronized dancing to a prearranged song, they meet at a designed place for lunch and that all-important endeavor, shopping.

I learned about The Red Hat Society in 2003 and immediately started a chapter. The women who joined instantly formed a sisterhood, supporting one another and developing alliances that went beyond simple friendship.

Many of the ladies lived alone, dependent on neighbors and relatives for help with grocery shopping, routine errands, yard work, and being driven to necessary appointments. As they became more comfortable with the public attention we attracted, I routinely saw ladies whose lives had become stagnant morph into vibrant, courageous, strong women who were passionate about life.

Encouraging each other as we grow older is a vital part of this sorority, but it’s just as important to laugh together when these “golden girls” boldly step into the spotlight at talent shows brazenly displaying their aging bodies and gray hair. Occasionally, we sit alongside each other in church pews proudly flaunting our most extravagant purple regalia and red hats as we say goodbye to one of our own.

I agree with Kansas journalist William Allen White (1868-1944) who wrote, “My advice to the women of America is to raise more hell and fewer dahlias.”

After all, girls just want to have fun.

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OPED: On an Authentic Waterfront

By: Publicus

Little by little, day by day, the old Southwest Waterfront is slipping away.

It should have been obvious that a \$2 billion development project doesn’t fall from the sky without hitting a few treasures along the way. Still, we managed to be surprised - by the bulldozed trees on Seventh Street Landing, by the construction fence blocking the seawall promenade, by the traffic, by open water where there once was a thriving boating community, and by new docks where there was once open water.

There are other, less obvious changes. Many of the regular fisherman are gone, as is the Friday night music outside Phillips Seafood with a DJ as animated as Fred Astaire or Pharrell. The half-sunk fish barge is gone too, and Brother Bronson no longer keeps watch over Zanzibar, Gangplank, dog walkers, or evening strollers. The balconies of the Channel Inn are empty, breakfast is gone, and the happy red sign is reduced to a shadow.

The theorists will tell you that the bulky low-rise buildings and parking lots of the last major waterfront redevelopment were outdated and inappropriate, the product of car-centric urban planning no longer in vogue. A denser, taller, shinier development is on its way to replace it. That is the highest and best use of a waterfront, they say. We can only hope that they are right this time.


The new developer speaks with genuine feeling about his vision for the Wharf. With

all due respect, community and authenticity isn’t something the Wharf is bringing to the Southwest Waterfront, it was already here. Maybe it was grittier than most of the new Washington, DC, but it was real and it was ours. The real waterfront was busy with tour boats and dragon boats, liveaboard and novice sailors. Families watched fishermen fish. Everyone came down to watch the fireworks. It was accessible. It was affordable. It was “activated,” as they say in planner’s parlance, without anyone “programming” it. There was a lot that was working about our waterfront. It was filled with people who treasured and used the Southwest Waterfront just as it was, warts and concrete and asphalt and all.

Will that community and authenticity survive 10 years of construction? Probably not without some help and a lot of love. Preserving long-established patterns of transportation, pedestrian circulation, recreation, and commerce will take commitment and ingenuity from the construction team and the community. Comprehensive way-finding; safe, direct, and handicap accessible walking routes to the places that matter most; and affordable parking options would be a great start. Southwest has a long and sad history of cultural displacement in the name of progress. The Wharf has a chance to do it right - starting now, not in 10 years. However, they can’t do it alone; they need to hear the voice of a community dedicated to preserving the truth of Southwest. Let them know. Speak up. What happens next is up to all of us.

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CBCC Gets a Seat at the Negotiating Table with City and DCU

By: Felicia Coutts, CBCC Coordinator

As a member of the Winning Goal Coalition, the Near SE/SW Community Benefits Coor-

dinating Council (CBCC) has led the effort to successfully gain a seat at the negotiating table with the city and DC United for inclusion of a community benefits agreement (CBA) for

residents of ANC6D within recently proposed legislation - Bill 20-805, sent from the Mayor's Office to City Council - to build a new soccer stadium in Buzzard Point.

In separate meetings, the CBCC and Winning Goal Coalition members met in late June with both the city and DC United to discuss the need for a CBA, and to share initial broad concepts to address the needs of the ANC6D community in Southwest and around Buzzard Point. Both parties were amicable to the CBCC's campaign for inclusion of a CBA, articulated this during their testimony at the June 26th City Council Joint Committee hearing on the bill - at which several Winning Goal Coalition members, including the CBCC, testified - and stated that there are plans to meet again with the CBCC to obtain more specific details for the CBA so that a formal meeting may be held over the summer with all pertinent parties and city agencies at the table.

The CBCC has begun drafting the items for a Southwest Soccer Stadium CBA with specific

carve-outs to specify benefits for the residents of Buzzard Point and Southwest across the areas of: employment, affordable housing, education, and community enrichment. On July 17th, the CBCC held a Southwest Soccer Stadium CBA campaign support meeting to further educate ANC6D community leaders and resident councils about CBAs, to explain the process with the city, to share and obtain input for the CBA provisions, and to garner additional support. The CBCC incorporated the input it received from campaign supporters and has shared this initial draft list of items with the City Administrator's Assistant and DC United. A meeting for more formal negotiations to begin is currently being planned with the city, DC United, and the CBCC.

The next CBCC Soccer Stadium CBA community meeting will take place in late August. The date and location will be posted on the CBCC website, www.seswcbcc.org. Please be a part of this wonderful effort to bring real community benefits to Southwest and Buzzard Point!



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"Working on *Nonuments* is giving me an opportunity to wrestle with developing evocative visual content that has the potential to draw attention to the atrocity of human trafficking near our nation's capital. My hope is to partner with anti-human trafficking NGOs in DC and to raise awareness that will lead to giving a voice to the voiceless." -Jonathan Fung

"*Migration* is a nonument to human and non-human interaction, revealing the shifting patterns of bird populations in the urban fabric, amidst the social

and environmental realities of displacement, transience, and climate change in Washington, DC."

-Cameron Hockenson

"It is such a privilege to realize a dream I have had for some

time. Creating one thrown rope of three different kinds of species that will grow and provide shade for the visitors is an amazing opportunity I did not want to pass up." -Peter Hutchinson

"Knowing that the most valuable thing we can give is ourselves, we will spend five weeks at the center of where America's future is decided every day. We will represent humanity by creating a devoted interaction between ourselves and the natural environment wearing the complexities of contemporary culture on our backs. We will create a nonument built out of dirt, sweat, and intention that memorializes the incredible social and environmental challenges that lay before all of us." -Eliza and Nora Naranjo-Morse

"I am happy to return to Washington, DC for the third time in recent years, this round with a public work that offers a different way of sharing art with local communities, as public and community engagement has become increasingly important to my practice. It's particularly exciting that after knowing Lance for years, our first collaborative effort is coming to fruition as a part of this important conceptual curatorial premise of nonument." -Jennifer Wen Ma



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has quietly emerged as a leader in community outreach, particularly interested in connecting with area youth.

"We have had the pleasure of working with Denard the last two seasons on initiatives that have helped him - and the Nationals - make a lasting impact on our communities," said Shawn Bertani, senior director of community relations for the team. "His authentic generosity has made him a distinctive ambassador for youth throughout the region."

"The kids will be much older before they can understand the class and discipline that Mr. Span displayed," one parent wrote to the team following a recent event. "What they did immediately get was that this man was a friend who listened, heard, and gave back a genuine, candid and caring response."

Thanks to the Washington Nationals and Denard Span for providing this great opportunity to families in Southwest!



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THURSDAY:
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| August 7—Michael Bowie Quintet | August 21—Nasar Abadey & SuperNova |
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LISTEN to Friday night summer Blues—while relaxing along the waterfront promenade—produced with the support of Jazz Night in Southwest. And, savor King Ribs Barbeque.

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| August 8—Midnight Blue | August 29—Big Joe & the Dyna-Flo’s |
| August 15—Lil’ Royal | |

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By Rev. Ida Moss, Senior Pastor • www.MyGreaterWorks.org



Whether we like it or not, life is an adventure filled with risks, hazards, and dangerous situations. Success is possible, but not guaranteed. In Psalm 23, David described life's journey as a walk "through the valley of the shadow of death." No one had undergone more threats and near-death experiences than David. But instead of letting fear paralyze him, he trusted in the delivering power of God! As we walk through life, the important idea is not that God is everywhere - but the assurance that wherever I am God is with me!

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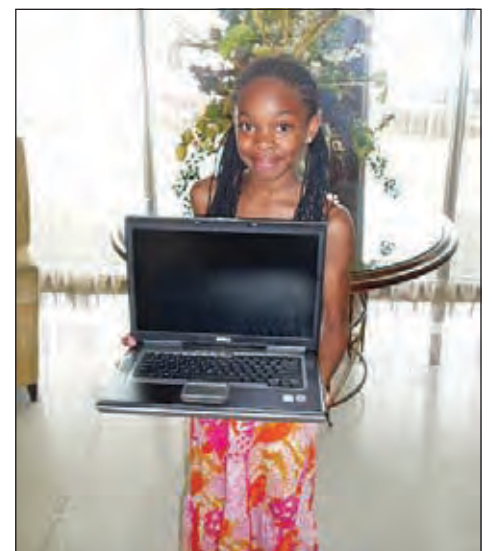
Where did you move from? I moved from Capitol Hill where I had been living for almost 18 years. I am originally from Seattle and I also spent time in Minneapolis-St. Paul for college.

When did you move here? July 2014

What it is your first impression of Southwest? I really like the Southwest Waterfront area. It has a quiet atmosphere and it seems there is truly a diverse mix of people living in the area.

What are you looking forward to most after moving here? I am really looking forward to seeing how the area develops within the next few years with the Wharf development project and the possible DC United Stadium. Should be exciting times ahead!

Know someone that just moved in that you would like to recommend? Send a photo and answers to the above questions to editor@thesouthwester.com.



Computers for Kids Graduates Get New Laptops

Miracle Matthews (7 years old, Amidon-Bowen student) and her mother and Gianii Marshall (10 years old, Tyler Elementary student) pose with the new laptops they received through Computers for Kids (CFK) program. For more information about the program, check out our article on page three of the July issue of *The Southwester*. Photos by Perry Klein.

PLANETARIUM

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our time: astrophysicist Neil deGrasse Tyson. The space is amazing. And with its new set of planetarium projectors, you see the universe like you have never seen before. In this short film, Dr. Tyson discusses how invisible dark matter, together with dark energy, accounts for the other 95 percent of the universe's total energy and mass. Normally, this topic might put young and

old to sleep in minutes, but instead *Dark Universe* grips everyone right from the beginning in the only way the preeminent astrophysicist celebrity can; the material presented is not only accessible to adults, but also to kids in the audience. Once the lights come on, I see parents with mouths agape as I hear their kids declare how "cool" and "awesome" invisible dark matter is. (Yes, you read that correctly.)

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SAT 2, 10:30 A.M. Family Story Time. Join us for stories, songs and activities to celebrate the season. For children of all ages and their families. **SW Neighborhood Library, 900 Wesley Place SW. 202-724-4752**

SAT 2, 4-5:30 P.M. Experience Yoga Nidra Pamela Wilson guides a very deep, conscious relaxation with a focus on healing body, mind and spirit. No experience in Yoga or meditation necessary. A donation of \$10 is suggested. For more information call 202-746-6654 or email: wilsonpj108@verizon.net **Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 Eye Street SW.**

MON 4, 7-8:30 P.M. PAWS of Southwest. The monthly meeting is open to the public in the downstairs community room of the **SW Neighborhood Library.** Also find us **PAWS of Southwest** on Facebook.

WED 6, 6:30pm Freegal and Zinio Database Demonstration. Come learn how to download and stream millions of songs and over 100 magazines for **FREE!** Adults and teens can also use the training to help them fill a block or earn a badge toward their summer reading goals. **SW Neighborhood Library**

SAT 9, 1pm Haiku Workshop. P.S. Perkins will lead an hour of learning about and writing haiku, followed by readings and a contest for best haiku. Bring in a small piece of nature, such as a rock or a leaf--or a picture of nature--that inspires you! **SW Neighborhood Library.**

TUES 12, 6:30 P.M. Movie Night at Southwest Library. "Gravity" Sandra Bullock and George Clooney star in this 2013 thriller that will draw viewers into the infinite and merciless realm of deep space.

THURS 14, 2 P.M. Slim Harrison. Join us for a music performance celebrating American folk music. **SW Neighborhood Library.**

THURS 28, 7P.M. ABC Committee, ANC6D at King Greenleaf Rec Center, 201 N St SW, discussion about the DC Law, changes to the law, enforcement and other issues. To be added to community email list for regular notifications and questions/suggestions, contact: Coralie Farlee, Chair, ABC Committee, 202-554-4407, cfarlee@mindspring.com.

SAT 30, 1 p.m. Book Discussion. You are invited to attend a discussion of Edmund de Waal's "The Hare with Amber Eyes." Copies are available for checkout at the **Southwest Library.**

SUN 31, 2 P.M. Under the Sea Party. Say farewell to summer with ocean-themed activities, snacks, and a movie. **Southwest Neighborhood Library**

WEEKLY, BIWEEKLY

ADULT RECREATION, 10-12 Noon, Saturdays, King Greenleaf Recreation Center.

ADULTS/SENIORS BINGO BRUNCH, 1-3 P.M., Mondays and Thursdays, at **King Greenleaf Recreation**

ADULT YOGA, 6 P.M. Mondays, **FREE, Sasha Bruce Youthworks at Randall Recreation Center, 820 So. Capitol & Eye St SW, 202-554-6973.**

AFTER SCHOOL ACCESS, 3:30-5:00pm, Mondays and Fridays. Ages. 6-14, **King Greenleaf Recreation Center, 201 N Streets SW.**

AFTERSCHOOL MEALS PROGRAM, 4-5 P.M., Monday –Friday, Ages 6-14. **King Greenleaf Recreation Center.** Contact Paul Taylor, Gary Williams, Tiletia Harris-Walker.

ANC 6D Monthly Business Meeting, 1100 4th St. SW, DCRA Hearing Room on 2nd floor. {NO MEETING IN AUGUST}

AYA COMMUNITY MARKET Saturdays, May 24-November 22,

Community Calendar

View our on-line calendar at www.swdc.org/calendar.

Submit Calendar events to calendar@thesouthwester.com by the 15th of the month preceding the month it is scheduled.

2014 at Christ United Methodist Church, 900 4th Street SW. For more information contact: Christopher Bradshaw, 202-800-2613. chris@dreamingoutloud.org

BABY AND TODDLER STORY TIME, 10:30 A.M., Tuesdays 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th. Fun songs, finger plays, and rhymes to promote early literacy development. For infants through 24 months and their caregivers. **SW Neighborhood Library.**

BINGO FOR SENIORS, 1-3 P.M., Mondays and Thursdays, **King Greenleaf Recreation Center.** Contact Tiletia Harris-Walker. 202-645-7454.

BLUES MONDAYS, 6-9 P.M., Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 Eye Street SW, Various Blues musicians and singers featured each Monday. \$5. Food for sale.

BOYS TO MEN, 5-6 P.M., Wednesdays, **King Greenleaf Recreation Center.** Contact Mike Wilson, Gary Williams. Seeking **CHEERLEADERS for King Greenleaf Football Team. 6:30-7:45 P.M.** Ages 5-14, bring sneakers and leggings or shorts. Practices on Mon & Tues & Thurs.; Walk-Through on Fridays. Call Kaneisha (202) 251-8646 **King Greenleaf Recreation Center.**

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9:30 A.M. St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, Fellowship Hall, downstairs, rear of Christ United Methodist Church 900 4th St SW. Children ages 3 and older are invited to join our loving and lively Sunday School where they are introduced to a loving God who welcomes and cares for all. Through biblical stories, art, music and holy play, our children are nurtured in their natural spirituality to grow as the "littlest members" of a community of faith.

COMPUTER CLASSES, 10-12 Noon, Tuesdays, SW Neighborhood Library, 724-4752.

TUES 5 Microsoft Powerpoint

TUES 12 PC Basics

TUES 19 Introduction to the Internet

TUES 26 DC Public Library Website

COMPUTER CLASSES, 6-8 P.M., Mondays, **DRP Certified Volunteer, King Greenleaf Recreation Center. 202-645-7454.**

COUNCILMEMBER TOMMY Wells Southwest Community Office Hours will be held at Starbucks in the Safeway, 1100 4th Street SW. {NO AUGUST OFFICE HOURS}.

CREATE CLUB, 4-5 P.M. Tuesday, August 12th. Children 5-12 years of age are invited to join us after-school for different creative activities each week. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. **SW Neighborhood Library.**

GAME CLUB, 4-5 P.M, Tuesdays, 5th and 19th. Children from 5-12 years of age are invited to play a wide selection of games. **SW Neighborhood Library.**

GAME NIGHT, 7-8:15 P.M., Thursdays, August 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th. Teens age 13-19 are invited to play Wii games at the **SW Neighborhood Library.**

GARDEN CLUB, 4-5 P.M., Wednesday, August 6th. Children ages 5-12 are invited to help tend the library garden. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. **SW Neighborhood Library.**

HAND DANCING CLASSES, 12-2 P.M. Saturdays,Jitterbug, Lindy Hop. Classes by Markus Smith of Swing Anatomy Dance. \$10/class for adults, \$5/class for children 8-17. **Christ United Methodist Church, 900 Fourth Street SW, Community room off Wesley Place, SW.**

HAND DANCING CLASSES, with Mr. Zeke, **12:30-3:30 P.M.** Saturdays, **King Greenleaf Recreation Center, 201 N Street SW. 202-645-7454.**

JAZZ NIGHT IN SW, 6-9 P.M., Fridays, **Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 Eye Street SW.** Various Jazz musicians and singers featured each Friday. \$5. Food for sale.

JOB CLUB, 12-2 P.M.Tuesdays, Ages 18 and older. Contacts: Paul Taylor, Mike Wilson. **King Greenleaf Recreation Center. 202-645-7454**

JOB SEEKERS PROGRAM, 1-7 P.M., Thursdays, By Appointment Only. Help with resumes, cover letters, applications and other aspects of the job search process. **SW Neighborhood Library.** Call 724-4298 or stop by to set up an appointment.

THE KIWANIS CLUB OF SOUTHWEST WATERFRONT, 6:30-7:30 P.M., every first and third Monday **SW Neighborhood Library.**

KOMEN TOASTMASTERS, 10:30 A.M.-Noon, every 1st & 3rd Saturday, **SW Neighborhood Library.** Feel free to visit us and to see our communications and leadership program at work.

LEGO CLUB, 4-5 P.M., Wednesday August 13th. Children ages 5-12 are invited to design, create and build structures with LEGO bricks. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. **SW Neighborhood Library.**

LITTLE FARM STAND, 10 A.M.-12 P.M. Saturdays,May through Decemberat the **Southwest Duck Pond** With organic produce, baked goods, maple syrup and preserves from Loudoun County's Red Gate Farm. www.littlefarmstand.com

MACHINE PITCH, 5-6 P.M., Ages 7-8, Mondays & Wednesdays, **King Greenleaf Recreation Center.** Contact Paul Taylor, Mike Wilson.

MOVIE NIGHT, 7-8:30 P.M., Ages 14-19, Fridays, **King Greenleaf Recreation Center.** Contact Michael Wilson 202-645-7454.

NARFE-THE NATIONAL Active and Retired Federal Employees, 1:30-2:30 P.M., every fourth Thursday through May. **SW Neighborhood Library, basement meeting room. {No meeting until September}**

OPEN COMPUTER TIME, 3-7 P.M. Mondays, **Sasha Bruce Youthworks at Randall Recreation Center, 820 South Capitol & Eye St SW, 202-554-6973.**

PAJAMA STORYTIME, 6 P.M. Thursdays. Put on your pajamas, grab your teddy bear and join us in the Children's Room for a story time before heading to bed! We'll read stories, sing songs and perform finger plays together. For children of all ages and their families. **SW Neighborhood Library.**

POLICE SERVICE AREA 106, Community meeting, **10-11 A.M.,** every Last Saturday, Senior Citizen Community Room 900 5th Street S.E.

PRE SCHOOL STORYTIME, 10:30 A.M. Wednesdays. Join us for books, songs, rhymes and fingerplays as we continue to strengthen early literacy skills while enjoying stories together. An easy craft activity follows story time each week. Designed for children ages 2-5 years of age and parents/caregivers. **SW Neighborhood Library. 202-724-4752**

SASSY SENIORS, Monthly trips to play bingo, have parties, chat and chews, exercise and a great deal of other things. Come and sign up to participate. **King Greenleaf Recreation Center.** Contact Tiletia Harris-Walker 202-645-7454.

SEATED YOGA, 11:00-Noon on Mondays, and Wednesdays 4-5 P.M., Westminster Presbyterian Church. Pamela Wilson guides a gentle series of movements designed to free the joints and ease the mind. This is part of Westminster's Wellness program.

SENIOR CARDIO EXERCISE, 11 A.M.-Noon, Wednesdays, **King Greenleaf Recreation Center.** Contact Gary Williams.

SOUTHWEST RENEWAL AA, Alcoholics Anonymous group, **7PM Mondays, Sasha Bruce Youthworks at Randall Recreation Center, 820 South Capitol & Eye St SW, 202-554-6973.**

THE SOUTHWEST WATERFRONT AARP #4751 CHAPTER. Meetings will resume on **Wednesday, September 17, 2014 at 12 Noon.** Meetings are every Third Wednesday. Current AARP members and new prospective members are welcome. Costs: \$5.00 for lunch. River Park Mutual Homes' Community Room, 1311 Delaware Ave., SW. For further information, contact Chapter President Betty Jean Tolbert Jones, bettyjeantolbertjones@yahoo.com or 202-554-0901.

SW FREEWAY, NA, 7-8 P.M., Narcotics Anonymous group, Wednesdays, **Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 Eye Street SW.**

TEEN CLUB, 6:30-8:30 P.M., Fridays, **Ages 14-19. King Greenleaf Recreation Center,** Contact Angela Venable.

TENNIS FOR BEGINNERS, 5-7 P.M., Wednesdays, **Ages 6-13, DPR Certified Volunteers. King Greenleaf Recreation Center.**

WALK FOR WELLNESS, 11-12 P.M., Tuesdays and Fridays, while walking to music, in the gym of **King Greenleaf Recreation Center.**

WASHINGTON STAMP COLLECTOR'S CLUB, 7-9 P.M., First and Third Wednesday each month. Buy, trade and sell stamps. Refreshments, auctions and programs. **Christ United Methodist Church, 900 Fourth Street SW. 202-863-0564.**

WELLNESS WEDNESDAYS, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 Eye Street SW, 4 P.M. Seated Yoga and Healing Sessions (Pamela Wilson and Riva Wine). **5:30 P.M.** Laughter Yoga (Claire Trivedi). **6:45 P.M.** Sampoorna Yoga (Alex Rosen). **7 P.M.** Narcotics Anonymous SWFreeway Meeting.

YOGA FOR ADULTS & TEENS, 7-8 P.M. Tuesday, August 5th, 19th and 26th. This weekly program is geared toward the beginners but all are welcome to attend. Bring your own mat or use one at the Library. **SW Neighborhood Library.**

YOUNG LADIES ON THE RISE, 6-7 P.M., Thursdays, **Ages 6-18, King Greenleaf Recreation Center.** Contact Safiyyah Aleem-Woods.

ZUMBA, 6 P.M. Thursdays, **FREE, Sasha Bruce Youthworks at Randall Recreation Center, 820 So. Capitol & Eye St SW, 202-554-6973.**



they are, what they do, and ask them how living here helps them to do what they do.

Name: Kevin "Kip" Talley
Occupation: Senior Director of Federal Legislative Affairs at International Premium Cigars and Pipe Retailers (IPCPR)
Home: Carrollsburg Square Condominiums

WHO WE ARE: Kevin "Kip" Talley

What are premium cigars?

Premium cigars are not cigarettes or mass-marketed products or vaporizers or any of that jazz. Premium cigars are the high end, high quality tobacco that is made from whole tobacco leaves and is rolled by hand. Of the 13.5 billion cigars annually sold in the United States only 270-300 million are considered premium.

What's your role here?

I represent over 2300 tobacco stores across the nation, which are mostly mom and pop shops, who sell premium tobacco. My role is to help shape legislation and advise my members on how to be involved in the political process. There are currently two bills in Congress and pending regulation at the FDA.

How has living in Southwest has made it easier for you to do your job?

First, this is just an amazing neighborhood. The people and their backgrounds are what make this place feel like home. Second, the location is amazing. You can be on Capitol Hill as quickly as you can be at National Airport! Lastly, it's a great place for my wife and I to spend our first year of marriage.

What do you look forward to most?


The opening of the Big Stick in Navy Yard. I am consulting on how to make sausage and creating recipes for the restaurant in my spare time. That place is going to be amazing!

Westminster Presbyterian Makes Plans to Stay and Grow

Westminster Presbyterian Church, located at the southwest corner of 4th and I ST SW, has been part of the neighborhood since 1853. On April 6, 2014 there was a unanimous vote of the members at a congregational meeting to support the recommendation of Westminster's governing body "to actively pursue redevelopment of the church property as a strategy for ministry impact and sustainability and to establish a Redevelopment Committee." Co-Pastor Ruth Hamilton said, "This was a strong affirmation on the part of our 160-year old congregation that Westminster is committed to staying and growing in Southwest DC. This congregation has never wavered in its commitment to Southwest."

The Redevelopment Steering Committee includes ten members, eight of whom are SW residents. On July 10, the Committee released a Request for Qualifications to a wide-ranging list of developers including those who had already expressed interest. The church is committed to finding a development partner who will be responsive to SW needs and help the congregation create more sustainable multi-functional, aesthetically inspiring space to allow for greater service to the community.

If you or your group would like to meet with representatives of Westminster to talk about this opportunity, please contact the church office at 202-484-7700 or wpcdcoffice@gmail.com.



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June Real Estate Update

By Jason Martin

Much like the stock market, property values can go up and down. If you have been following our monthly updates, you will quickly realize that Southwest has been and continues to be on an upward climb. I believe the numbers this month tell the story. If you are thinking about buying or selling call us today (202-641-0299).

	June 2014	June 2013	% of Change
Sold Dollar Volume	\$8,238,900	\$4,651,900	77.11%
Avg Sold Price	\$343,288	\$258,439	32.83%
Median Sold Price	\$296,000	\$239,500	23.59%
Units Sold	24	18	33.33%
Avg Days on Market	19	48	-60.42%
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